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In re the Patent Application of: S. Halepete et al)
Serial No. 09/484,516) Examiner:
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For: ADAPTIVE POWER CONTROL) Art Unit 2181

Preliminary Amendment

The Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel Claims 4, 5, and 7.

Please substitute the following claims for pending claims of the same number:

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Claim 1 (twice amended). A method for controlling the operating

condition of a computer processor on a chip including a clock generator

on the chip capable of providing a plurality of clock frequencies which

4 can be individually selected concurrently comprising the steps of:

5 determining a maximum allowable power consumption level from the

6 operating condition of the processor,